

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are currently pending in the application. Claims 2 and 4 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended and new claims 6-9 are added. Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,687,022 to Lapstun et al. ("Lapstun"). This rejection is traversed.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate features indicated to be allowable on page 5 of the Office Action. It now recites a data transfer confirming means for confirming by one clock whether or not when the liquid ejection data of predetermined words is developed in a first face, the liquid ejection data already developed in the second face has been transferred to the external memory as much as predetermined words. None of the relied-upon references teach or suggest at least this aspect of amended claim 1.

Applicants believe that no additional fees or extensions are required. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, the Office is conditionally authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**. Also, the Office should consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension period needed to have this response entered and considered, if any.

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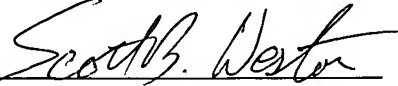
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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicants request reconsideration, withdrawal of all rejections, and allowance of all pending claims (i.e., claims 1, 3, and 5-9) in due course.

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